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SUBJECT: FRENCH DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS RE SOUTH VIETNAM

1. FRENCH POLITICAL COUNSELOR BEAUCHATAUD HAS INFORMED US THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR VIMONT ON INSTRUCTION FROM PARIS ATTEMPTED TO SEE GROMYKO APRIL 19 REGARDING SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. GROMYKO, HOWEVER, WAS NOT AVAILABLE AND NEITHER WAS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN WHO NORMALLY HANDLES SOUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS. VIMONT, THEREFORE, MADE DEMARCHE TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEMSKOV.

2. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, VIMONT STATED THAT CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM SHOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS, CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF POLITICAL PROVISIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING SETTING UP OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD. VIMONT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE FRENCH "ASSUMED" THAT THE SOVIETS ALSO SUPPORTED THE PARIS AGREEMENT AS THE BASIS OF A SETTLEMENT, AS THEY HAD CONSISTENTLY STATED, AND THEREFORE HOPED THAT MOSCOW WOULD USE ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH  
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HANOI TO HELP BRING ABOUT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. THE

PRESENTATION WAS ORAL, SAID BEAUCHATAUD, AND FOLLOWED THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT GISCARD ON APRIL 9.

3. ZEMSKOV REPLIED THAT SOVIETS WOULD TAKE FRENCH DEMARCHE UNDER CONSIDERATION. HE REITERATED THE SOVIETS WISH TO SEE THE PARIS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTED FULLY, BUT SAID THAT HANOI ALREADY FOLLOWD A "CORRECT LINE" IN THIS REGARD. THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES, HE SAID, BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SAIGON.

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